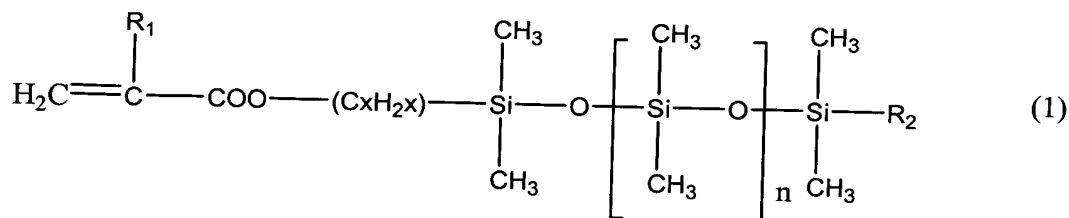


IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claim 1 (Currently Amended): A polymer comprising units obtained from a monomer having an acidic group or a basic group capable of undergoing an acid-base dissociation in a silicone oil and a monomer having the following formula (1):



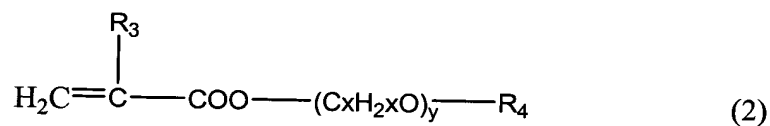
wherein R<sub>1</sub> represents a hydrogen atom or a methyl group; R<sub>2</sub> represents a hydrogen atom or an alkyl group having 1 to 4 carbon atoms; n is an integer; and x is an integer of from 1 to 3, wherein the polymer is soluble in a silicone oil;

wherein the monomer having an acidic group or a basic group is a member selected from the group consisting of (meth)acrylic acid, maleic acid, maleic anhydride, itaconic acid, itaconic anhydride, fumaric acid, cinnamic acid, crotonic acid, vinylbenzoic acid, 2-methacryloxyethylsuccinic acid, 2-methacryloxyethylmaleic acid, 2-methacryloxyethylhexahydrophthalic acid, 2-methacryloxyethyltrimellitic acid, minylsulfonic acid, allylsulfonic acid, styrenesulfonic acid, 2-sulfoethyl methacrylate, 2-acrylamide-2-methylpropanesulfonic acid, 3-chloroamidophosphoxypropyl methacrylate, 2-methacryloyloxyethylacid phosphate, hydroxystyrene, N-methylaminoethyl (meth)acrylate, N-ethylaminoethyl (meth)acrylate, N,N-dimethylaminoethyl (meth)acrylate, N,N-diethylaminoethyl (meth)acrylate, N,N-dibutylaminoethyl acrylate, N-phenylaminoethyl methacrylate, N,N-diphenylaminoethyl methacrylate, aminostyrene, dimethylaminostyrene,

N-methylaminoethylstyrene, dimethylaminoethoxystyrene, diphenylaminoethylstyrene, N-phenylaminoethylstyrene, 2-N-piperidylethyl (meth)acrylate, 2-vinyl pyridine, 4-vinyl pyridine and 2-vinyl-6-methyl pyridine.

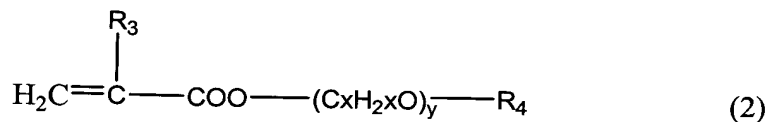
Claim 2 (Original): The polymer according to Claim 1, wherein the polymer further comprises units obtained from a monomer having a nonionic polar group other than oxyalkylene groups and polyoxyalkylene groups.

Claim 3 (Original): The polymer according to Claim 2, wherein the polymer further comprises units obtained from a monomer having the following formula (2):



wherein R<sub>3</sub> represents a hydrogen atom or a methyl group; R<sub>4</sub> represents a hydrogen atom or an alkyl group having 1 to 4 carbon atoms; x is an integer of from 1 to 3; and y is an integer of from 1 to 25.

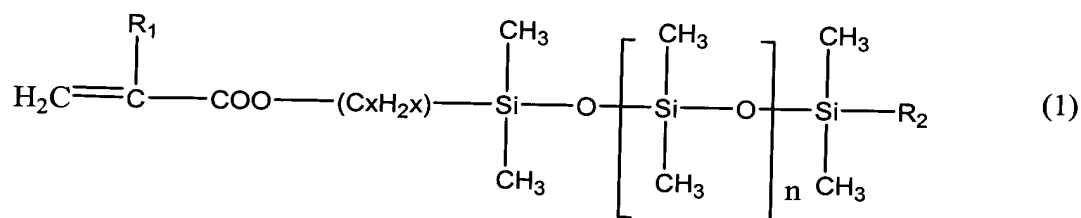
Claim 4 (Original): The polymer according to Claim 1, wherein the polymer further comprises units obtained from a monomer having the following formula (2):



wherein R<sub>3</sub> represents a hydrogen atom or a methyl group; R<sub>4</sub> represents a hydrogen atom or an alkyl group having 1 to 4 carbon atoms; x is an integer of from 1 to 3; and y is an integer of from 1 to 25.

Claim 5 (Currently Amended): An image display medium comprising:  
 a pair of electroconductive layers, at least one of said electroconductive layers being light-transmissive and said electroconductive layers being opposed to each other to form a cell; and  
 a dispersion contained in the cell, the dispersion comprising:  
 a silicone oil;  
 a colored particulate material dispersed in the silicone oil; and  
 a polymer soluble in the silicone oil;  
wherein said polymer soluble in the silicone oil can undergo an acid-base dissociation reaction with said colored particulate material dispersed in the silicone oil.

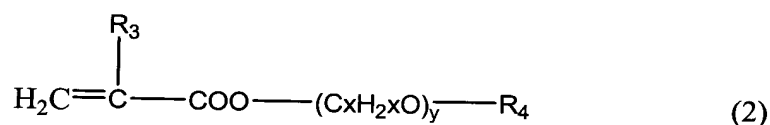
Claim 6 (Original): The image display medium according to Claim 5, wherein the polymer comprises units obtained from a monomer having an acidic group or a basic group and a monomer having the following formula (1):



wherein  $\text{R}_1$  represents a hydrogen atom or a methyl group;  $\text{R}_2$  represents a hydrogen atom or an alkyl group having 1 to 4 carbon atoms;  $n$  is an integer; and  $x$  is an integer of from 1 to 3.

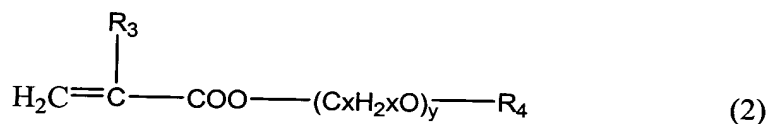
Claim 7 (Original): The image display medium according to Claim 6, wherein the polymer further comprises units obtained from a monomer having a nonionic polar group other than oxyalkylene groups and polyoxyalkylene groups.

Claim 8 (Original): The image display medium according to Claim 7, wherein the polymer further comprises units obtained from a monomer having the following formula (2):



wherein R<sub>3</sub> represents a hydrogen atom or a methyl group; R<sub>4</sub> represents a hydrogen atom or an alkyl group having 1 to 4 carbon atoms; x is an integer of from 1 to 3; and y is an integer of from 1 to 25.

Claim 9 (Original): The image display medium according to Claim 6, wherein the polymer further comprises units obtained from a monomer having the following formula (2):



wherein R<sub>3</sub> represents a hydrogen atom or a methyl group; R<sub>4</sub> represents a hydrogen atom or an alkyl group having 1 to 4 carbon atoms; x is an integer of from 1 to 3; and y is an integer of from 1 to 25.

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Claim 10 (Original): The image display medium according to Claim 5, wherein the colored particulate material comprises a coloring agent and a binder resin insoluble in the silicone oil.

Claim 11 (Original): The image display medium according to Claim 5, wherein the colored particulate material has an average particle diameter of from 0.1  $\mu\text{m}$  to 10  $\mu\text{m}$ .

Claim 12 (Original): The image display medium according to Claim 5, wherein the dispersion further comprises water in an amount of from 100 to 2000 ppm.

Claim 13 (Original): An image display medium comprising:

a pair of electroconductive layers, at least one of said electroconductive layers being light-transmissive and said electroconductive layers being opposed to each other to form a cell; and

a dispersion contained in the cell and comprising: a silicone oil; and

a colored particulate material dispersed in the silicone oil and having an acidic group or a basic group.

Claim 14 (Original): The image display medium according to Claim 13, wherein the colored particulate material further has a nonionic polar group.

Claim 15 (Original): The image display medium according to Claim 13, further comprising:

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a polymer soluble in the silicone oil.

Claim 16 (Original): The image display medium according to Claim 15, wherein the colored particulate material has an acidic group, and wherein the polymer has a basic group.

Claim 17 (Original): The image display medium according to Claim 15, wherein the colored particulate material has a basic group, and wherein the polymer has an acidic group.

Claim 18 (Original): The image display medium according to Claim 13, wherein the colored particulate material comprises a coloring agent and a binder resin insoluble in the silicone oil and wherein the binder resin has the acidic group or the basic group.

Claim 19 (Original): The image display medium according to Claim 13, wherein the colored particulate material comprises a coloring agent grafted with a monomer having the acidic group or the basic group.

Claim 20 (Original): The image display medium according to Claim 13, wherein the colored particulate material has an average particle diameter of from 0.1  $\mu\text{m}$  to 10  $\mu\text{m}$ .

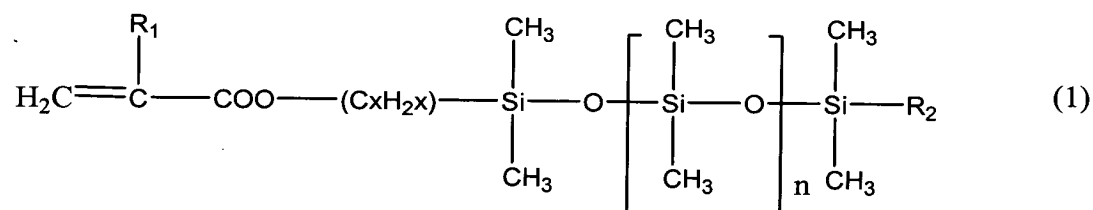
Claim 21 (Original): The image display medium according to Claim 13, wherein the dispersion further comprises water in an amount of from 100 ppm to 2000 ppm.

Claim 22 (Original): An image displaying device comprising:

the image displaying medium according to Claim 5; and  
 at least one member selected from the group consisting of voltage applicators configured to apply a voltage between the pair of electroconductive layers to display an image in the image display medium and connectors through which a voltage is applied to the medium to display an image in the image display medium.

Claim 23 (Original): An image displaying device comprising:  
 the image displaying medium according to Claim 13; and  
 at least one member selected from the group consisting of voltage applicators configured to apply a voltage between the pair of electroconductive layers to display an image in the image display medium and connectors through which a voltage is applied to the medium to display an image in the image display medium.

Claim 24 (New): A composition comprising  
 a polymer comprising units obtained from a monomer having an acidic group or a basic group and a monomer having the following formula (1):



wherein  $\text{R}_1$  represents a hydrogen atom or a methyl group;  $\text{R}_2$  represents a hydrogen atom or an alkyl group having 1 to 4 carbon atoms;  $n$  is an integer; and  $x$  is an integer of from 1 to 3,

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a silicone oil; and

a colored particulate material dispersed in the silicone oil;

wherein the polymer is soluble in the silicone oil and the polymer and the colored particulate material undergo an acid-base dissociation reaction in the silicone oil.